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Working Together

It has been another challenging and rewarding year at the Victim Services and Community Programs Division, and our Activity Report for 2005-2006 provides us with an important opportunity to highlight these accomplishments. In doing so, we also recognize the efforts and vital contributions of our many partners.

It is our intent that the Activity Report reflect how the Division, working together with partners from the public, not-for-profit and private sectors, strengthens our ability to achieve goals and a shared vision that promotes community safety in British Columbia. Advancing this vision requires leadership, opportunities for learning and innovation, and an integrated approach that involves government, justice, and community partners.

As the centre of responsibility in British Columbia for victims' issues, crime prevention and restorative justice, we developed our first integrated Service Plan last year, identifying our vision and core values. The three-year Plan also outlines the Division's goals and performance measures and is aligned with the Service Plan of our Ministry.

While this year was filled with several accomplishments reflecting these values, I am particularly proud to have presented certificates, along with our Minister, the Honorable John Les, to the first graduates of the Victim Service Worker Certificate Program. This is the only certificate program of its kind in Canada—a result of several years of hard work and collaboration with the Justice Institute of B.C. and Victim Service Workers from across the province.

Importantly, through the leadership of our staff, we have improved our responsiveness to victims and are now able to provide benefits to victims of crime and their families in a more timely manner. Another highlight of the year includes our partnership with the RCMP, Criminal Justice Branch, Ministry of Attorney General, and the Vancouver Police Department involved in the Missing Women's Task Force, to enhance coordination, information and support to the families of these victims. The implementation of Bill C-2 provided an important opportunity for the Division to work with others to improve access to criminal proceedings for children and other vulnerable groups. Training and public forums held throughout the province as well as the installation of much needed court room equipment came about through effective partnerships involving Criminal Justice Branch and Court Services of the Ministry of Attorney General, the People's Law School and the Law Courts Education Society.

I was also very inspired by the large numbers from across the province who attended the 8th Annual "Stop the Sexual Exploitation of Children and Youth Awareness Week" forum in Kamloops, coordinated through the efforts of the National Crime Prevention Centre, McCreary Youth Centre Society, the Justice Institute of B.C., North Okanagan University, Children of the Street Society, and the Ministry of Child and Family Development. David Morhart, our Deputy Minister who opened the day long event, was equally impressed by the high attendance of young people—all who are working to prevent the victimization of their peers in their communities. Along with this, our Division took the lead on behalf of the Assistant Deputy Minister's Committee on Prostitution and the Sexual Exploitation of Children and Youth, and through a successful partnership with the National Crime Prevention Centre, is supporting multi year coordination of sexual exploitation prevention and building capacity to address this issue in fifteen B.C. communities.

What has been confirmed over the past year is that when crime and trauma occurs, it doesn't affect just one person, or one type of person. The entire community—friends, families, co-workers, the young, the elderly, and neighbours—we all feel its impacts. I believe that by continuing to work together effectively, we can reduce the impacts of crime and trauma and develop ways to prevent and address crime and, ultimately, to promote healing and community safety.

Thank you for joining us to promote healing and community safety in British Columbia.

Susanne Dahlin,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

vision, mission, values and goals

victim services + community programs division

The Division is part of the Policing and Community Safety Branch of the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General.

As the provincial centre of responsibility for victims' issues, restorative justice and crime prevention, the Division develops policies and programs, provides training and delivers and funds programs that:

- Support victims and their families.
- Provide a restorative justice response to crime, violence and victimization.
- Enhance public safety and local crime prevention efforts.
- Build and maintain safe communities.

The Division also has legislative responsibility for the ***Victims of Crime Act*** and the ***Crime Victim Assistance Act.***

Our Vision

Safe, healthy, and engaged communities where:

- Citizens collaborate in preventing and responding to crime, violence and victimization.
- Victims and community members can fully participate in justice processes.
- Healing from the effects of crime, violence and victimization is encouraged and supported.

Our Mission

- To deliver comprehensive services, information and support to communities and victims of crime through collaborative efforts with our partners.
- To promote community safety and well-being.
- To raise awareness of current and emerging issues.
- To lead the development of policy, programs and legislation.

Our Values

We work with our clients, our partners and our programs in a way that:

- Encourages and empowers the resilience of communities and individuals.
- Treats people with respect and dignity.
- Respects and responds to diversity.
- Promotes learning and innovation.
- Focuses on results.

Our Goals

- To reduce the impacts of crime, violence and victimization.
- To enhance safety through the prevention of crime, violence and victimization.
- To demonstrate leadership, excellence, collaboration and innovation.
- To ensure a professional and effective organization with a focus on service, quality and results.

division highlights

2005-2006

The **Crime Victim Assistance Program** (CVAP) eliminated the backlog of cases that developed as a result of replacing the Criminal Injury Compensation Program.

11,300 British Columbians sought help from **VictimLINK**—a toll-free, 24 hour, multi-lingual information and referral service for victims of crime.

Victim Service programs provided assistance to approximately **66,000** people throughout British Columbia and Victim Service Workers and volunteers dedicated approximately **599,000** hours of service.

The **Victim Safety Unit's notification service** was improved by replacing an automated system with personal calls to registered victims 7 days a week, until 11pm.

The **Human Trafficking Response Initiative** was launched, in collaboration with provincial ministries and NGO partners, to ensure that a network of services is in place to respond to the needs of trafficking victims.

The Division and the B.C. Institute Against Family Violence partnered to create the **Aid to Safety Assessment and Planning (ASAP) Manual** to reduce the risk of violence against women in relationships.

The **Victim Service Workers Training Program** was launched in partnership with the Justice Institute of British Columbia. The training program is the first recognized post-secondary program of its kind in Canada.

The Division partnered with the Criminal Justice Branch and Court Services Branch to ensure the implementation of the new **Criminal Code and Canada Evidence Act** changes that better protects children, youth and other vulnerable witnesses.

The Division released several **new resources** to provide victims of crime, parents, educators, service providers, Victim Service Workers and other professionals with information on crime prevention and dealing with the effects of crime.

The new **Comprehensive Communities Safety Initiative (CCSI)**, a community-based approach to crime prevention and community safety, led to the development of 5 pilot sites in British Columbia.

The Division hosted the **Crime Prevention Forum**, focusing on hate crimes in British Columbia, bringing together over 200 community members and representatives from the justice system.

Sharon Lyons received the **Anthony J. Hulme Award of Distinction** at the Crime Prevention Awards in honour of her extraordinary work and commitment in crime prevention and community safety.

27 projects received funding through the **Safe Streets Safe Schools Fund** for the development of strategies that enhance public safety and crime prevention efforts—17 of these projects were youth-oriented initiatives.

The **Youth Against Violence Line** provided a safe, confidential way to prevent and report incidents of youth violence or crime in British Columbia.

74 **Community Accountability Programs** in communities across the province received funding for practices in restorative justice.

23 community-based initiatives addressing prostitution and the sexual exploitation of children and youth received support from the **Assistant Deputy Minister's Community Capacity Building Fund**.

The Division hosted the **8th Annual "Stop the Sexual Exploitation of Children and Youth Awareness Week."**

victim services and support

programs + partnerships

Victim Services and Community Programs Division is committed to ensuring that the needs of victims of crime are acknowledged and addressed throughout the justice system. Victims and their families have a wide range of needs and require comprehensive supports and services as they deal with and recover from the effects of a crime. The Division collaborates with government, justice and community partners to ensure that appropriate and practical services are available to those whose lives have been impacted by crime.

Crime Victim Assistance Program (CVAP)

The Crime Victim Assistance Program (CVAP) was established on June 30, 2002 and replaced the Criminal Injury Compensation Program that had been administered by the Workers' Compensation Board for three decades. With the transfer of the program to the Division, benefits were restructured and expanded to better meet the needs of those whose lives have been impacted by violent crime.

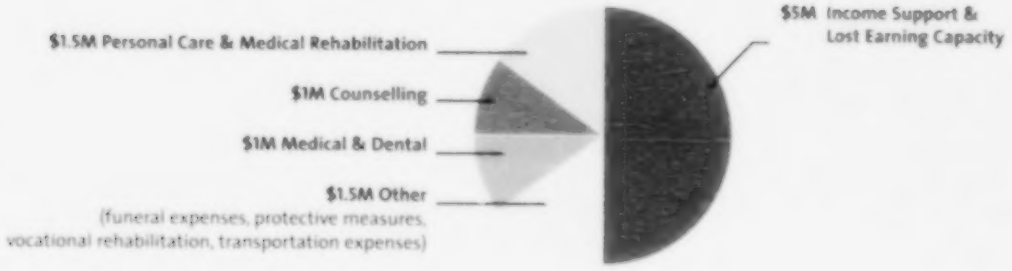
Benefits offered through CVAP are intended to help victims of violent offences, their immediate family members and some witnesses recover from the physical and psychological effects of violent crime. By easing financial burdens, the Program aims to assist victims and those close to them in their recovery. Available benefits may include: medical and dental expenses, prescription costs, counselling, protective measures and income support.

In 2005/06, the program received over 2500 new applications, completed over 4300 written decisions and provided over $10 million in benefits.

In addition to original adjudications, the Program also completed numerous reassessment decisions on accepted claims where additional services or benefits were required.

Crime Victim Assistance Program Stats 2005-2006

$10 Million in benefits, 2500 new applications, 4300 decisions completed (original adjudications & reassessments)


$1.5M Personal Care & Medical Rehabilitation
$1M Counselling
$1M Medical & Dental
$1.5M Other
(funeral expenses, protective measures, vocational rehabilitation, transportation expenses)
$5M Income Support & Lost Earning Capacity

CVAP provides ongoing benefits that are available over the course of a victim's lifetime and currently provides assistance and monthly pensions to more than 400 claimants who suffer from catastrophic injuries or are dependents of a deceased victim. As an example, the Program has provided over $6M in benefits and services to one victim to pay for personal care expenses, disability aids, income support, medical services, prescription costs and other benefits needed as a result of this victim's injuries.

In the past year, the Program eliminated the large backlog of cases that developed in its first two years as a result of replacing the Criminal Injury Compensation Program and expanding claimant group categories. CVAP is also now meeting Ministry targets for the current fiscal year and will be reducing its nine-month turnaround times even further over the next two years.

VictimLINK

VictimLINK is a toll-free, 24 hour, province-wide information and referral service for all victims of crime. VictimLINK's services are available in 130 languages and dialects, including 17 North American Aboriginal languages.

VictimLINK is operated by Information Services Vancouver on behalf of the Division. It provides a number of vital services, including immediate crisis support; referrals to local Victim Service program; as well as community, social, health, justice and government resources and information. This toll-free line helps to ensure that equitable services are available throughout the province, including in remote or rural areas. In 2004, VictimLINK extended its services to the Yukon under a formal agreement between the Government of British Columbia and the Government of Yukon.

In 2005/2006, 11,300 British Columbians sought help from VictimLINK. More than half of the calls involved some form of assault or abuse. Other crimes impacting callers included homicide, robbery, arson and theft. Since the service was launched three years ago, calls to VictimLINK have increased by more than 50% as a result of a province-wide awareness campaign.

help + information 24 hours a day
victimLINK
1-800-563-0808

Police and Community-Based Victim Service Programs

Across British Columbia, the Division funds 152 Victim Service programs, providing much-needed emotional support, information, referrals and practical assistance to people affected by crime and trauma. Of the programs, 90 are police-based and 62 are community-based.

In 2005, Victim Service programs provided assistance to approximately 66,000 people throughout the province and Victim Service Workers and volunteers dedicated approximately 599,000 hours of service.

Police-based programs serve victims of all types of crime and trauma and work with police and the community in situations that involve multiple injuries or deaths. More than half of these programs are cost-shared with local governments. Generally, police-based programs are located in communities with police strength of four or more.

Community-based programs provide support services to victims of family and sexual violence including women, children, male survivors of sexual abuse, ethno-specific communities, and Aboriginal peoples. These programs ensure that services are available to people who may be hesitant to involve the police, including support if they choose to engage the justice system. Generally, community-based programs are located in communities with a population of 20,000 or more.

- the Domestic Violence Unit, a working partnership between Family Services of Greater Vancouver and the Vancouver Police Department to offer support, information, advocacy, referral and investigation services for victims of high-risk domestic violence cases.

- enhanced services to over 200 family members of the missing women in the Pickton case by establishing a dedicated team of Victim Service Workers to provide support during the lengthy court process.

- the Aboriginal Wellness Program operated through a partnership between Vancouver Coastal Health and the Vancouver Police Department's Aboriginal Liaison Officer to provide two Aboriginal community-based Victim Service Workers to support female Aboriginal victims of family and sexual violence and their children.

- the Aboriginal Youth Program operated through a partnerships between Pacific Resource Society, and the Vancouver Police Department's Aboriginal Liaison Officer. The program provides Aboriginal youth with support and information through an Aboriginal Victim Service Worker.

- victim services for survivors of crime who live in the isolated communities of Atlin and Lower Post on the Yukon/B.C. border through a partnership between the governments of the Yukon and British Columbia.

Victim Safety Unit

Safety and security—many of us take these things for granted, yet for crime victims both can be lost in an instant. The Victim Safety Unit promotes safety by notifying victims when offenders are released from custody, working with local programs to ensure victims have access to safety services and representing victims' concerns at the provincial High Risk Offenders Recognizance Advisory Committee. Victims are encouraged to register for notification services and the Unit has seen an increase in the number of victims registered for notification as a result.

In partnership with Telus Mobility, the Unit provides cell phones to high risk victims as part of the Priority Response Partnership and recently met with a number of communities involved to conduct a review of the program.

Financial assistance is also provided through the Victim Travel Fund to facilitate the attendance of victims or immediate family members at justice proceedings in British Columbia. Recent changes were made to streamline the application process for this fund and to broaden the scope of who is eligible to apply.

In 2005/2006, the quality of the notification service increased substantially with the replacement of an outdated automated notification system with personal calls to registered victims. The Victim Safety Unit partners with VictimLINK to provide after-hours custody release notification to registered victims.

Human Trafficking

Innocent victims around the world are bought and sold every day as part of elaborate human trafficking rings for the purposes of sexual or labour exploitation. A global business that generates substantial profits, women and children in developing countries are often the primary targets and sold into the sex trade against their will. British Columbia is especially vulnerable because of its location and size, providing human trafficking networks with mobility and anonymity.

In an effort to build awareness about this growing international problem, the Division has taken the lead on behalf of the provincial government to build partnerships and develop a comprehensive response to human trafficking in British Columbia based on three pillars—prevention, prosecution/enforcement and protection/assistance of victims.

In May 2005, the Division co-sponsored and organized the Pacific Northwest Conference on International Human Trafficking. A partnership with the federal government, RCMP, Vancouver Police Department, Justice Institute of B.C., University College of Fraser Valley and MOSAIC, the conference provided information on pressing issues and explored the challenges faced by law enforcement agencies in identifying and convicting human traffickers. The Division is also leading a Human Trafficking Response Initiative, in collaboration with provincial ministries and NGO partners, to ensure that networks of services are in place to respond to the needs of trafficking victims.

Violence Against Women in Relationships (ASAP and B-Safer)

The statistics on violence against women in relationships are disturbing. Of the 34,000 victims of spousal violence reported in Canada in 2000, women accounted for 85% of the victims; four out of five victims of spousal homicide are female; and 65% of all female victims of spousal violence report being assaulted on more than one occasion. Women are five times more likely than men to fear for their lives and three times more likely to be physically injured.

In an effort to reduce the risk of violence against women in relationships, the Division and the B.C. Institute Against Family Violence created the Aid to Safety Assessment and Planning (ASAP) Manual. Developed after four years of extensive research, this tool aims to reduce the risk of violence by providing a comprehensive coordinated safety management strategy that Victim Service Workers can use in collaboration with other key justice agencies to assist women in making safety assessment decisions.

This easy-to-use manual builds on the risk factors identified in the Spousal Assault Risk Assessment (SARA) used by Corrections and incorporates the Brief Spousal Assault Form for Evaluating Risk (B-SAFER) for police currently being implemented. Available for general distribution in 2006, ASAP considers many factors that impact a women's safety, including characteristics of the abuser, the woman's individual situation, her support network and the level of system response.

The ASAP manual is currently in the final testing phase and will incorporate research on safety planning, consultations with international and local experts and client information from nine sites including Grand Prairie, Alberta and the Yukon. The manual was presented in October 2005 at the World Conference on Family Violence, Regional orientation sessions and a training website are planned for 2006/2007.

Legislative Changes

To continue to respond to the needs of victims, two important legislative changes were enacted in 2005/06:

Bill C-2, amended the *Criminal Code* and *Canada Evidence Act* to better protect children and other vulnerable persons and included provisions to:

- Protect children from child pornography by broadening the definition of child pornography, increasing maximum penalties, and narrowing existing legal defences.
- Create a new sexual exploitation offence that better protects young persons between 14 and 18 years of age.
- Increase maximum sentences for other child-related offences.
- Facilitate testimony by children and other vulnerable victims and witnesses through the use of testimonial aids.
- Create new voyeurism offences.

Bill C-10 introduced Criminal Code amendments regarding people who are accused of committing a crime but found unfit to stand trial, or not criminally responsible due to a mental disorder.

New amendments require that victims receive notice of Review Board hearings upon request and will ensure that victims are advised of their right to submit a victim impact statement. Should they choose to do so, victims will be permitted to read their victim impact statement at Review Board hearings, unless the Review Board determines there are compelling reasons why this would be inappropriate. Amendments also enable the Review Board to order publication bans to protect the identity of a victim or witness.

Victims of Crime Act (VOCA)

*In British Columbia the **Victims of Crime Act** provides certain rights to victims of crime including:*

- *The right to be treated with courtesy and respect and without discrimination by all justice personnel*
- *The right to receive information on the justice system, victim services, and related legislation*
- *The right to receive certain case specific information on the investigation, prosecution, sentencing, and release of criminals*
- *The right to be given a reasonable opportunity to provide victim impact information for presentation to the court before sentencing*
- *The right to receive independent legal representation, provided free of charge, where they cannot afford it, regarding the disclosure of their personal records*

learning and innovation

programs + partnerships

By identifying emerging issues, and developing responses in collaboration with community partners, the Victim Services and Community Programs Division supports Victim Service Workers, staff and volunteers in obtaining the training, education, and resources they need to effectively respond to victims of crime and trauma, their families and their communities.

Victim Services Practitioner Certification

Victim Service Workers play a critical role in ensuring that victims of crime and trauma receive the support they need to recover from the impact of crime and move forward with their lives. Highly-trained and knowledgeable about programs and services for people impacted by crime, these professionals are integral in helping people make the transition from victim to survivor and ultimately to help them thrive.

The Division launched the Victim Services Practitioner Certificate Program in partnership with the Justice Institute of British Columbia, which recognizes the professionalism and the important contribution that Victim Service Workers make to first responder networks and to building and sustaining safe, healthy communities. This program is the first certificate or recognized post-secondary program of its kind in Canada.

The Victim Services Practitioner Certificate Program, delivered by the Justice Institute of British Columbia, combines 140 hours (20 days) of core training, an additional 70 hours (10 days) of electives, and 14 hours (2 days) in a final workplace-based assignment. Learners engage in interdisciplinary and interagency examination of victim service delivery as it relates to: theoretical concepts, legal and policy issues, victims' needs and rights, specialized skills to support victims, community development, and team building. A fifth module is currently being developed for future addition to the program.

Regional Training

The Division provides regional training within the parameters of a multi-year training plan that consists of three components: awareness, education, and skill acquisition. This year, the Division offered three regional training sessions focusing on critical incident management, vicarious trauma and self care, supporting elderly victims and victims with mental illness, and working with sexually exploited victims and male victims of historical sexual abuse. Through regional training, Victim Service Workers can also embrace opportunities for networking, sharing best practices, and establishing and maintaining collaborative relationships.

Bill C-2 Implementation

An excellent example of the comprehensiveness of the Divisions' training strategy is the implementation of Bill C-2. This act amended the Criminal Code and Canada Evidence Act to better protect children, youth and other vulnerable witnesses. These changes recognize that some victims and witnesses may require accommodations when providing testimony in court because of their age or other factors, such as the nature of the crime. Testimonial aids available to children and youth may also be accessed by other vulnerable witnesses in order to minimize potential trauma and facilitate testimony. Testimonial aids include privacy screens, the presence of a support person and out-of-court testimony.

Throughout 2005, the Division partnered with the Criminal Justice Branch and Court Services Branch to facilitate the implementation of the criminal code changes including providing training for Victim Service Workers and ensuring the availability of testimonial accommodations throughout the province. The Division also partnered with the Law Courts Education Society and the People's Law School to provide public awareness sessions and to develop relevant resources.

Public Awareness—Community forums developed in partnership with the People's Law School, were held in Vancouver, Kelowna, Abbotsford, Prince George, Nanaimo and Nelson.

Education—An experienced Crown counsel facilitated regional training sessions for Victim Service Workers to ensure understanding of the changes and how to access accommodations for victims and witnesses in accordance with the changed provisions of the Criminal Code.

Skill Acquisition—Bill C-2 information is currently being incorporated into the core training modules for Victim Service Workers and updates are being made to the Justice Institute's website.

Resources—Two court orientation videos were developed in partnership with the Law Courts Education Society, the Victim Service Worker Handbooks are being amended and two information sheets on the availability of testimonial aids for children and youth and for other vulnerable witnesses were produced. Current initiatives include the development of a website to provide an online demonstration of the testimonial aids available under the new legislation.

New Educational Resources

In 2005, the Division was involved in the creation of new educational resources to aid Victim Services Workers and other service providers.

In cooperation with Law Courts Education, Criminal Justice Branch, Ministry of Attorney General and Omnipresent Productions two court orientation videos were developed by the Division. Your Voice in Criminal Court, designed for adults, and Let's Go to Court, for children, are useful resources for preparing both crime victims and witnesses with information and orientation before they testify. The videos aim to increase the comfort level of those testifying while reducing the mystery for individuals unfamiliar with the workings of the court system.

Also in 2005, a new video was launched that provides a close look at domestic abuse and the terrible physical and emotional toll it takes. Funded by the Division, In Her Own Time, follows the stories of four women who discuss their experiences. The video is now being used as a resource for Victim Service Workers and police forces in communities across British Columbia.

In partnership with the B.C. Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils (B.C. CPAC) and the Institute for Safe Schools in B.C. the Inter-ministry Committee on Youth Violence and Crime released the video: Gangs: Take a Stand. The video provides valuable information for parents, educators and service providers about gang activity and strategies for prevention.

In addition, the Division produced information for victims of crime—Help Starts Here—which includes an awareness poster, information booklet and a series of information sheets.

community safety

programs + partnerships

The Victim Services and Community Programs Division promotes the 'crime prevention through social development approach' ("CPSD"). CPSD is a long-term proactive approach that recognizes the personal, social and economic factors that result in crime, violence and victimization. The Division's collaborative working relationships with other ministries, federal and local governments, justice system partners and community organizations are a key strength in enhancing safety for individuals, families and their communities.

National Crime Prevention Strategy

The National Crime Prevention Strategy (NCPS) focuses on educating and supporting communities in their efforts to develop and implement effective ways to reduce local crime and victimization. Implementation of this strategy in British Columbia is jointly managed by the Division and the National Crime Prevention Centre of the Department of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness. The Division is also part of the Federal-Provincial-Territorial Working Group on Community Safety and Crime Prevention that provides opportunities to share best practices and collaborate with other provinces and territories in Canada around complementary initiatives that support community problem solving.

Comprehensive Community Safety Initiative

There is a growing body of evidence to indicate that comprehensive, community-based approaches to crime prevention and safety have the greatest potential to deter crime, and reduce victimization and fear in a sustainable way. The research shows that community-based initiatives that deliver comprehensive solutions to address social, economic and physical challenges stand the best chance of enhancing safety for individuals and families. This approach has been identified as a priority for the NCPS.

In June 2005, under the leadership of the National Crime Prevention Centre and the Division, partners in the health, education, youth, multicultural and law enforcement sectors came together to form the Comprehensive Communities Safety Initiative (CCSI) Network in British Columbia. The unique partnership has led to the development of CCSI pilot sites on Saltspring Island, in Burns Lake, Fort St. John, the Cowichan Valley and the Kootenay Boundary Region.

Crime Prevention Forum: Focus on Hate Crimes

The Division hosts the Crime Prevention Forum each year as a lead-in to the B.C. Crime Prevention Association Annual Training Symposium. The forum provides an opportunity for conference participants to explore an emerging crime issue and has become a much-anticipated highlight of the annual three-day symposium.

In 2005, the focus of the forum was on hate crimes in British Columbia. Over 200 people attended, bringing together community members and representatives from the justice system and government to learn about current trends, best practices in prevention and next steps for combating hate crimes. Panel presentations from leading experts were followed by interactive, small group discussions addressing the issue and its affects on the community. The Division hosted this event in collaboration with the National Crime Prevention Centre, Settlement and Multicultural Branch of the Ministry of Attorney General, the B.C. Hate Crimes Team, the Justice Institute of British Columbia and RCMP "E" Division—Community Policing Services.

Solicitor General Community Safety and Crime Prevention Awards

Sharon Lyons with Hon. John Les, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General

Inter-ministry Committee on Youth Violence and Crime

The Inter-Ministry Committee on Youth Violence and Crime involves partners at the federal, provincial and municipal levels, including policing agencies and school districts, working to prevent youth violence, crime and victimization. Chaired by Susanne Dahlin, Victim Services and Community Programs Division's Executive Director, the committee meets quarterly to identify needs and develop proactive strategies and solutions.

Preventing youth gang violence was identified as a key priority for 2005 by the committee, given the impact it has on communities and the coordinated, comprehensive approach that is required for prevention.

In October 2005 the committee hosted an information session on gang violence, providing members with an opportunity to hear from leading experts on the issue. This information was used to initiate discussions on a provincial strategy to address youth gang violence in the province. A proposal for a four-year strategy is currently under development and implementation is anticipated in the fall.

Safe Streets Safe Schools Fund

Tapping into the imagination, energy and real-world experience of youth, the Safe Streets Safe Schools Fund provides support to schools and communities for the development of strategies that enhance public safety and crime prevention efforts. The program encourages the development of best practices and innovative strategies that expand or increase problem-solving approaches to crime and fostering community safety at a local level.

Under the Safe Streets Safe Schools Fund, one-time project grants of up to $5,000 are available for qualifying groups including community and youth organizations, local governments, school districts and police departments. Funding is for direct project related expenses including supplies, development, operational support and training.

In 2005, 27 projects received funding, 17 of which were youth-oriented initiatives.

Provincial Partners in Crime Prevention

The Division provides funding to provincial partners offering crime prevention programs in local communities. Some of these active partnerships include:

Block Watch

With programs in communities throughout British Columbia, the Block Watch Society of B.C. is building safe neighbourhoods by encouraging local residents to take a proactive approach to crime prevention and safety. Block Watch activities include support, training, mentoring and the development of materials and sharing of best practices with police agencies, community programs, and other organizations; cooperation with police agencies to assist with problem solving; and strategies to reduce the risk of residential property and auto crimes.

Crime Stoppers

The B.C. Crime Stoppers Association is an umbrella organization for 37 individual programs across the province. B.C. Crime Stoppers acts as an advocate for the programs and provides communication, training, legal support, insurance and promotion activities, ensuring ongoing security and effectiveness of the community programs.

Block Parents

B.C. Block Parent Society, part of a national program, was formed in Ontario in 1968 and officially became a program in British Columbia in 1977. Adult volunteers, screened by local police and trained by program volunteers, display Block Parent signs in their windows signalling children and others that their home is a place to seek safety and assistance.

Institute for Safe Schools of British Columbia

The University College of the Fraser Valley operates the B.C. Institute for Safe Schools on behalf of the Division. As a central source of information on effective safety and crime prevention programs, the Institute helps schools, police, community organizations and parents to address violence and safety issues such as bullying, harassment, intimidation, gangs and sexual exploitation.

B.C. Crime Prevention Association

The B.C. Crime Prevention Association (BCCPA) is an integrated team of citizens and police dedicated to preventing crime. In addition to providing ongoing education and awareness activities through unique community partnerships, the BCCPA takes the lead in several province-wide crime prevention programs each year. Examples of these include Crime-Free Multi-Housing, Head Up B.C. Fraud Prevention, the Stolen Auto Recovery Program and Citizens on Patrol.

In September 2005, over 400 people attended the BCCPA's 27th Annual Training Symposium, hearing from UBC professor Dr. Clyde Hertzman, who presented his research on early childhood intervention programs as an effective crime prevention tool, and attorney and law professor T.E. La Liberte, who discussed the challenges facing a multicultural community in our evolving justice system.

Youth Against Violence Line

From schoolyard bullying to harassment, many young people today have witnessed violence or been victimized themselves, often by other youth. In an effort to provide a safe, confidential way to prevent and report incidents of youth violence or crime in British Columbia, the Division sponsors the Youth Against Violence Line and e-mail service. Callers receive anonymous support and are able to report incidents before they happen, leave information about a criminal activity that has occurred, access crime prevention information and community safety or just talk to someone about a problem. The Youth Against Violence Line is a toll-free help line available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week in 130 languages and dialects.

In December 2005, the Division transferred management of the line to Information Services Vancouver, British Columbia's largest provider of information and referral services. Previously only available as a voicemail and email service, the transfer ensures that callers now receive a live response any time of the day.

Restorative Justice: Community Accountability Program

Restorative justice is an approach that has been used by some cultures for generations to deal with offences in the community. By allowing both the victim to communicate the impact of the crime, and the offender an opportunity to learn from his or her actions and make amends, lengthy involvement with the court system and criminal charges can be avoided, benefiting everyone involved.

British Columbia has a tradition of using the restorative justice approach when dealing with crimes involving low-risk adult or youth offenders. The Community Accountability Program (CAP) supports the development of volunteer-based groups that practice the principles of restorative justice.

Under the CAP, grants of up to $2,500 for ongoing activities are available each year. In 2005, 74 programs in communities across the province received funding.

Addressing Prostitution and the Sexual Exploitation of Children and Youth

Assistant Deputy Ministers' Committee on Prostitution and the Sexual Exploitation of Children and Youth

The Assistant Deputy Minister's (ADM's) Committee on Prostitution and the Sexual Exploitation of Children and Youth was established to oversee research and policy development and provide an integrated response to prostitution and youth sexual exploitation issues. Chaired by the ADM of the Ministry of Children and Family Development, the committee includes representatives from eight British Columbia Government ministries: Public Safety and Solicitor General; Community Services; Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation; Education; Health; Employment and Income Assistance; and Attorney General. Initiatives undertaken include cross-ministry information sharing, joint research, and grant programs.

ADM's Community Capacity Building Fund

The Assistant Deputy Minister's Community Capacity Building Fund provides one-time grants of up to $5,000 for community-based initiatives that prevent and address the sexual exploitation of children and youth and adult prostitution.

In 2005, 23 projects were supported, including the Lillooet Friendship Centre Society, which educates youth about various forms of exploitation; the New Opportunities for Women (NOW) Canada Society, which provides support for women who want to escape the sex trade; and the Matsqui First Nation, who will use the funding to prevent sexual exploitation of children.

Children of the Street Society

The Children of the Street Society develops public awareness and prevention strategies for youth, families, educators and service providers. The Division provides annual operational funding to the Society, which offers a number of school-based programs, including TCO^2 (Taking Care of Ourselves, Taking Care of Others) and "It Can Happen to Anyone," a workshop for parents and youth on sexual exploitation.

The Society also offers resources and support for parents, caregivers and Community Action Teams across British Columbia. In 2005/2006, a total of 352 TCO^2 workshops were given at schools across the province. In addition, the Society supported many dealing with child and youth sexual exploitation, launched "Train the Trainer" workshops throughout the province and established a number of initiatives with a wide range of partners, school districts and policing agencies.

Stop the Sexual Exploitation of Children and Youth Awareness Week

This year, March 13—19 marked the 8th Annual "Stop the Sexual Exploitation of Children and Youth Awareness Week," hosted by the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General.

Activities during the event included a fuchsia ribbon campaign and a provincial forum, held in Kamloops for the first time, to engage rural and Aboriginal communities who face unique challenges. A variety of local school and community-based events were also held throughout the province to raise awareness and support local programs. The event opened this year with the "Tools of Communication: Bridging Technology and Tradition" to raise awareness of how the Internet and other technology are used to recruit and target vulnerable youth.

provincial map of victim services programs

british columbia

Lower Mainland Locations

10, 19, 24, 44, 47, 57, 58, 67, 75, 84, 89, 93, 95

LEGEND

P Police-based - All Crime
∞ Serves more than one community
◊ Children/Youth Specific
• Culturally Specific
✥ Victims of All Types
▲ Aboriginal Specific
■ Family and Sexual Violence
❑ Sexual Assault

1. 100 Mile House	P	34. Hope	P ∞	66. Port McNeill	P
2. Abbotsford	P • ■ ❑	35. Houston	P	67. Port Moody	P
3. Agassiz	P	36. Invermere	P	68. Powell River	P ■ ❑
4. Alert Bay	✥ ▲	37. Kamloops	P ■ ❑	69. Prince George	P ■ ❑ ▲
5. Alexis Creek	P	38. Kaslo	✥	70. Prince Rupert	P ■ ❑
6. Ashcroft	P ∞	39. Kelowna	■ ❑	71. Princeton	P
7. Atlin	■ ❑ ✥	40. Keremeos	P	72. Queen Charlotte City	∞ ✥
8. Bella Bella	P	41. Kimberley	P	73. Quesnel	P ■ ❑
9. Bella Coola	P	42. Kitimat	P	74. Revelstoke	✥
10. Burnaby	P	43. Ladysmith	P	75. Richmond	P
11. Burns Lake	P	44. Langley	■ ❑	76. Salmo	P
12. Campbell River	P ∞ ■ ❑	45. Lillooet	P	77. Salmon Arm	P ∞ ■ ❑
13. Castlegar	P	46. MacKenzie	P	78. Salt Spring Island	P
14. Chase	P	47. Maple Ridge	P ∞ ■ ❑	79. Sechelt	P ■ ❑
15. Chetwynd	P ∞	48. McBride	P ∞	80. Shawnigan Lake	P
16. Chilliwack	P ■ ❑	49. Merritt	P	81. Smithers	P ■ ❑
17. Clearwater	P ∞	50. Midway	P	82. Sooke	P
18. Clinton	P	51. Mission	P ■ ❑	83. Squamish	P
19. Coquitlam	P ∞ ■ ❑	52. Nakusp	P ∞	84. Surrey	P ■ ❑
20. Courtenay	■ ❑ ∞	53. Nanaimo	P ■ ❑	85. Telegraph Creek	∞ ✥
21. Cranbrook	■ ❑	54. Nelson	P ■ ❑	86. Terrace	P ∞ ■ ❑
22. Creston	P	55. New Aiyansh	P	87. Trail	P
23. Dawson Creek	P ■ ❑	56. New Hazelton	✥ ▲	88. Tumbler Ridge	P
24. Delta	P	57. New Westminster	P ∞ ■ ❑ ◊ ✥ ▲	89. Vancouver	P ∞ • ■ ❑ ◊ ✥ ▲
25. Duncan	P ∞ ■ ❑				
26. Fernie	P ∞	58. North Vancouver	✥	90. Vanderhoof	P
27. Fort Nelson	P	59. Oliver	P	91. Vernon	P ■ ❑
28. Fort St James	P	60. Osoyoos	P	92. Victoria	P ■ ❑ ◊
29. Fort St John	P ■ ❑	61. Parksville	P ∞ ■ ❑	93. West Vancouver	P
30. Fraser Lake	P	62. Pender Island	P ∞	94. Whistler	P ∞
31. Gold River	P	63. Penticton	P ∞ ■ ❑	95. White Rock	P
32. Golden	P	64. Port Alberni	P ∞ ■ ❑	96. Williams Lake	P ■ ❑ ✥ ▲
33. Grand Forks	P	65. Port Hardy	P		

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Program • Comcare • Community Connections (Revelstoke) Society • Community Coordination for Women's Safety • Community Futures Development Corp of Cariboo Chilcotin • Community Justice Program of the Sunshine Coast • Community Policing Partnership Committee • Community Therapists • Comox Valley Family Services Association • Comox Valley Transition Society • Conayt Friendship Society • Correctional Services Canada • Corsa Foundation • Cowichan Valley Regional District • Cowichan Women Against Violence Society • Cranbrook Community Restorative Justice Program • Crescent Valley Youth Centre Society • Creston Valley Restorative Justice Program • Dawson Creek Restorative Justice Program • Delta Police Department • Deltassist Family and Community Services Society • Department of Foreign Affairs • Department of Justice Canada • Designated Agency Liaison to the PGT • Districts of Chetwynd • Hope • Kitimat • Langley • Mackenzie • Maple Ridge • Mission • Peachland • Sechelt • Sicamous • Sparwood • Squamish • Tumbler Ridge • West Vancouver • Downtown Eastside Women's Centre • Drivers Rehabilitation Centre • Eagle Valley Restorative Justice Program • Early Childhood Educators of B.C. • Elizabeth Fry Society • Burns Lake Branch • Ending Relationship Abuse Society of B.C. • Family Resource Centre of Invermere • Family Services of Greater Vancouver • FASD Community Circle of Victoria • Fernie Women's Centre and Drop-in Centre • First Nations Training & Consulting Services • Fort Nelson Community Counselling Services • Fort Nelson Victim Services Society • Fraser Region Community Justice Initiatives Association • Fraser-Burrard Community Justice Society • Fraserside Community Services • GF Strong Rehabilitation Centre • Gitanyow Human Services • Gitxsan Health Society • Gold River Police-Based Victim Service Society • Golden Adult/Youth Diversion Program • Golden and District Rotary Club • Golden Women's Centre Society • Gordon Neighbourhood House • Government of Yukon • Graham 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Counselling Centre Society • Kaslo

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Wosk Centre for Dialogue • The Northern John Howard Society of B.C. • Thyme Second Stage Transition House • Tillicum Lelum Aboriginal Society • Tla'Amin Community Health Services • Touchstone Family Association • Towns of Creston • Ladysmith • Osoyoos • Smithers • Trail Family & Individual Resource Centre Society • Trail Youth Justice Program • Trans Alliance Society • Tri-City Women's Resource Society • Tsawwassen First Nation Health and Social Development Services • Tumbler Ridge Counselling Services • Ucluelet Community Accountability Program • Union of B.C. 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Graham Community Services Society • Waldee Services • WeCare Home Health Services • West Boulevard Physio • West Coast Domestic Workers Association • White Buffalo Aboriginal Health Society • Whitevalley Community Resource Centre • Wish Drop-in Centre Society • Women Against Violence Against Women/ Rape Crisis Centre • Women's Contact Society • Williams Lake • Workers Compensation Board of B.C. • Xeni Gwet'in First Nations Government Justice Committee • Youth Counter Attack/Road Sense Society

division resources

Activity Report

Information for Victims of Crime

Help Starts Here Poster

Information for Victims of Crime Booklet

Sexual Assault

Abuse and Neglect of Older Adults

Improving the experience of victims and witnesses in court

Making it easier for young victims and witnesses to testify

Youth Dating Violence

If Your Child is a Victim of Crime

Dealing with the Aftermath of a Serious Crime

Dealing with Sudden Death—Information for survivors

Dealing with Breaking and Entering

Your Rights if You Are a Victim of Crime—*(offered in 8 languages)*

For Your Protection: Peace Bonds and Restraining Orders

Speaking of Abuse—*(offered in 8 languages)*

Victim Impact Statement: An Information Guide

VictimLINK

VictimLINK poster, rack card, bookmark, wallet card

Court Orientation Materials

Let's Go to Court VHS/DVD and accompanying booklet

Your Voice in Criminal Court VHS/DVD and accompanying booklet

Information for Adult Witnesses Brochure

Crime Victim Assistance Program

Counselling Guidelines

Crime Victim Assistance Program Applications for Victims, Witnesses and Immediate Family Members

Victim Safety Unit

Victim Safety Unit Notification Application Form

Victim Travel Fund Application Form

911 Wireless Phone Emergency Guide (For cell phone and home alarm partners only.)

Family Violence

Payment Assault Medical Forensic Evidence—A Form for Medical and Health Care Personnel

Violence Against Women in Relationships—A Guide for Medical and Health Care Personnel

In Her Own Time—Empowering women who have experience violence DVD

Human Trafficking Poster

Aid to Safety Assessment and Planning (ASAP) Manual Brochure

Police Release Guidelines: On a promise to appear with an understanding of violence against women in relationships cases

Police Release Information Bulletin: On a promise to appear with an understanding of violence against women in relationships cases

Crime Prevention and Community Safety

Safe Streets Safe Schools Kit CD

Restorative Justice: Community Accountability Programs Information Package

Gangs: Take A Stand VHS

Addressing Sexual Exploitation of Children and Youth: Communities Taking Action Worksheets

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victim services program statistics

Offence Details

	Violence Against Women in Relationships	Sexual Offences	Criminal Harassment	Other Personal Offences	Fatalities Crime	Property Incidents	Non-Criminal
Community-based	13,779	4,459	718	2,692	49	136	616
Police-based	7,418	3,824	1,086	10,445	3,377	3,666	12,330

Clients

	Brief Contact	Caseload	Male	Female
Community-based	32,033	39,975	2,019	20,304
Police-based	19,411	120,556	7,661	22,820

Staff and Volunteers

	Staff #'s	Staff Hours	Volunteer #'s	Volunteer Hours	Combined Staff & Volunteer Hours
Community-based	114.1	159,013	111.8	22,342	181,355
Police-based	135.3	234,375	574.9	183, 343	417,718

Referrals

	Other Victim Service Programs	Justice System	Other Sources
Community-based	4,915	3,216	17,091
Police-based	1,305	31,325	8,431

provincial calendar of events

month	events and announcements
February	UBCM Community Safety Forum
March	Stop the Sexual Exploitation of Children and Youth Awareness Week
April	Victims of Crime Awareness Week Prevention of Family Violence Week Prevention of Violence Against Women Week
May	B.C. Youth Week Emergency Preparedness Week
June	Police Victim Services Association Annual Symposium Safe Communities Day (June—August) June 15th: World Elder Abuse Awareness Day June 21st: Aboriginal Solidarity Day
September	B.C. Crime Prevention Association Annual Symposium B.C. Crime Prevention Forum Solicitor General Community Safety & Crime Prevention Awards Luncheon
November	B.C. Crime Prevention Week Restorative Justice Week
December	B.C. Association of Specialized Victim Assistance Programs Annual Conference December 2nd 2006: Montreal Massacre Memorial

Victim Services and Community Programs Division

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